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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCE's (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

Application Number	10/036,729
Filing Date	December 21, 2001
First Named Inventor	Middeldorp et al.
Group Art Unit	1633
Examiner Name	Janice Qian Li
Attorney Docket Number	9310-13DVCTDV

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

  - ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

  - ☐ Amendment/Reply
  - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time
- Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0200.

  - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$790.00)
  - ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17) (\$450.00)
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_


b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$0.00

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

d. ☒ If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220

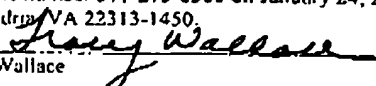
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## CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8

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